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H. R. 3555

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 30, 1996

Mr. GREENWOOD introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

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SECTION 1. MEDICARE PAYMENT FOR TRANSPORTATION OF PORTABLE ULTRASOUND EQUIPMENT AS FOR TRANSPORTATION OF PORTABLE X-RAY EQUIPMENT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall provide for payment under section 1848 of the Social Security Act for the transportation of portable ultrasound equipment used in the furnishing of diagnostic tests under section 1861(s)(3) of such Act in the same manner as payment under section 1848 of such Act is made for the transportation of portable x-ray equipment used in the furnishing of diagnostic x-ray tests under such section 1861(s)(3).

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT FOR MEDICARE COVERAGE OF ULTRASOUND IN A HOME.—Section 1861(s)(3) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(s)(3)) is amended by inserting "and ultrasound" after "x-ray".

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsection (a), and the amendment made by subsection (b), shall apply to ultrasound tests performed on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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